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of
HALTEMPRICE



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and
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Haltemprice

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit this my tenth joint Annual Report in conjunction with the Chief Public Health Inspector on the sanitary circumstances and the state of the public health in the district during 1961.

Census - 1961

The Registrar General's provisional population figure is 42,388 for this district.

Vital Statistics

The birth rate has continued to rise for the fourth year, and is now above the national level at 18.63. The stillbirth rate continues to fall due no doubt to improved ante-natal care.

It is noteworthy that the infant mortality rate has likewise fallen to the particularly low level of 8.06 per 1,000 as compared with the national figure of 21.4, and the County rate of 16.79, but it should be appreciated that the restricted numbers of an urban district do tend to fluctuate.

The death rate shows little variation, while the major cause of death during the year has been coronary heart disease, mainly in the male, although the rate in Haltemprice is lower than for the County as a whole.

Infectious Disease.

Measles tends to assume epidemic proportions every second year, and during 1960, 1,021 cases occurred during the first and second quarters of the year.

Poliomyelitis

A serious epidemic broke out in the neighbouring County Borough of Hull in September, and subsequently six cases occurred in the Urban District, resulting in one death in a male aged thirty, and paralysis affecting a female aged sixty-four. To control the epidemic the mass oral inoculation of the population of the County Borough of Hull was commenced on the 18th. October, but the Ministry of Health would not sanction the use of Type 2 oral vaccine in Haltemprice until five days later.

Ten distribution centres were speedily opened on the 23rd. October, and with the valued assistance of the W V S., St. John Civil Defence and many voluntary organisations and volunteers, approximately 10,000 oral doses were administered in the space of three days. This Type 2 virus exerted the desired 'blocking effect' wherever it was employed and the epidemic was brought to a halt.

All cases of poliomyelitis or suspected poliomyelitis occurring in the North Humberside Region were admitted to the Castle Hill Infectious Diseases Hospital situated within the Urban District. The Registrar General's instructions require notification to be made to the Medical Officer of Health of the district where the diagnosis is confirmed and this subsequently led to confusion and duplication of notification, and tended to give a false impression of the number of cases occurring, to the detriment of this district. It is understood that the Ministry of Health is contemplating amending this legislative procedure in due course.

Dysentery.

Early in December the signs of an impending outbreak of dysentery occurred in the Anlaby and Willerby areas, and the general practitioners in the district were most co-operative by giving the department prompt notification of cases.

I am once again grateful to Dr. J. McCoy who has investigated in the Public Health Laboratory a large number of samples of foods, stool specimens, nose and throat swabs etc., on behalf of this Authority.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their support during 1961, to the Chief Officers of the Council for their co-operation, to the Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. Rhodes for his part in preparing this report, and to the Staff of the Health Department who responded so readily, particularly during the emergency caused by the poliomyelitis epidemic.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

L. N. GOULD.

Medical Officer of Health.

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SECTION A

VITAL STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

	1961		1960		1959	
	England & Wales	Rate for Haltemprice	England & Wales	Rate for Haltemprice	England & Wales	Rate for Haltemprice
Area of Haltemprice in acres	...	9,026	...	9,026	...	9,026
Estimated mid year population	...	42,330	...	41,340	...	40,910
Number of Inhabited dwellings	...	13,976	...	13,678	...	13,167
books each year end)	...	£515,715	...	£496,006	...	£493,168
Rateable Value at year end
Sum represented by Penny Rate (to year end	...	£2,089	...	£1,923	...	£1877.18s.4d.
31/3/61)	...	268	...	264	...	229
Number of Marriages solemnised	...	6.33	...	6.39	...	5.59
Marriage Rate	15.1	...	15.0	...	15.0	...
LIVE BIRTHS -						
Legitimate Male	...	360	...	333	...	327
Legitimate Female	...	364	...	331	...	304
Illegitimate Male	...	13	...	12	...	3
Illegitimate Female	...	7	...	8	...	3
Total Live Births in the year	...	744	...	684	...	637
Crude Birth Rate per thousand population	17.4	17.58	17.1	16.54	16.5	15.56
Adjusted Birth Rate	...	18.63	...	17.53	...	16.49
Illegitimate Live Births % of total live births	...	2.68%	...	2.93%	...	.94%
STILL BIRTHS -						
Legitimate Male	...	5	...	5	...	6
Legitimate Female	...	5	...	5	...	5
Illegitimate Male	...	-	...	-	...	-
Illegitimate Female	...	-	...	-	...	-
Grand Total Still Births	...	10	...	10	...	11
Rate per 1,000 total births (live and still)	18.7	13.26	19.7	14.40	20.7	16.97
Rate per thousand population	...	24	...	.24	...	.26

	1961	1960	1959
	Rate for	Rate for	Rate for
	England & Wales	England & Wales	England & Wales
	Haltemprice	Haltemprice	Haltemprice

DEATHS FROM DIARRHOEA -

(including gastritis and enteritis)

Male	...	...	...	...	1
Female	...	...	...	...	-
Total	...	...	...	...	1
Death rate per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	1.57

DEATHS FROM CANCER -

Male	...	...	...	...	...
Female	...	...	...	...	...
Total Deaths	...	...	...	...	...
Death Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...

DEATHS FROM PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS -

Male	...	...	...	...	...
Female	...	...	...	...	...
Total Deaths	...	...	...	...	...
Death Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...

Diphtheria -

Measles and Whooping Cough

DEATHS (ALL CAUSES)

Male	...	...	...	...	...
Female	...	...	...	...	...
Total Deaths all causes	...	...	...	...	...
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...

	1961	1960	1959
	Rate for	Rate for	Rate for
	England	England	England
	& Wales	& Wales	& Wales
	Haltemprice	Haltemprice	Haltemprice

MATERNAL MORTALITY -

Deaths from all causes (Pregnancy,
 Childbirth and Abortion)
 Death Rate per 1,000 live and still births

1
1.54

CAUSES OF DEATH

	1961			1960			1959		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	1	2	-	2	2	1	1	2
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
3. Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-	1	2	3	2	-	2
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-	1	1	1	2	-	-	-
10. Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	4	5	9	6	6	12	9	3	12
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	11	5	16	21	1	22	14	1	15
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	6	6	-	5	5	-	4	4
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	2	2	-	4	4	-	7	7
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	24	20	44	14	14	28	34	15	49
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	1	2	-	1	1	1	1	2
16. Diabetes	-	1	1	-	3	3	-	1	1
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	19	44	63	31	39	70	34	38	72
18. Coronary disease, Angina	55	40	95	48	28	76	55	25	80
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	4	6	1	9	10	4	4	8
20. Other heart diseases	17	32	49	19	35	54	30	30	60
21. Other circulatory diseases	12	18	30	11	7	18	7	9	16
22. Influenza	1	5	6	1	-	1	6	-	6
23. Pneumonia	25	14	39	11	11	22	14	10	24
24. Bronchitis	22	6	28	15	11	26	15	6	21
25. Other diseases of Respiratory System	3	-	3	1	1	2	2	3	5
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	4	-	4	1	1	2	4	-	4
27. Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea	-	2	2	3	-	3	1	-	1
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	3	3	6	2	2	4	2	1	3
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	7	-	7	2	-	2	6	-	6
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
31. Congenital Malformation	1	-	1	3	2	5	2	1	3
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	21	18	39	16	20	36	11	13	24
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	1	4	3	3	6	4	-	4
34. All Other Accidents	4	9	13	3	4	7	8	9	17
35. Suicide	4	1	5	4	2	6	1	2	3
36. Homicide and Operations of War	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Causes	245	238	483	218	214	432	267	186	453

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS FOR 1961

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
Under 1 year	4	2	6
1 - 4 years	2	-	2
5 - 14 years	2	-	2
15 - 24 years	4	2	6
25 - 44 years	8	9	17
45 - 64 years	67	39	106
65 and over	158	186	344
Age unknown			
Total	245	238	483

CAUSE AND AGE DISTRIBUTION OF INFANTS' DEATHS (under 1 year)

Cause	Age Distribution								
	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	2 - 3 weeks	3 - 4 weeks	TOTAL	1 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 9 months	9 - 12 months
Congenital Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Cerebral haemorrhage	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Atelectasis	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Prematurity	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
	Total				5	Total			

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Medical Officer of Health	67, Swanland Road, Hessle.
Residence	Tel. 61959
Office	Health Department, Anlaby House, Anlaby. Tel. 58445

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Are available at the Public Health Laboratory, 184, High Street, Hull, Tel. 35371 and at the Beverley Area Laboratory, Westwood Hospital, Beverley, Tel. 82234.

CLINICS

Under the East Riding County Council, the following clinical facilities are available to residents in the district.

(a) Infant Welfare Clinics	Hessle - Church Hall, every Tuesday and Friday, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Willerby - Memorial Hall, every Wednesday, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Anlaby - New Methodist Rooms, Hull Road, every Monday and Thursday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cottingham - New Clinic, King Street, every Tuesday and Thursday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Ante Natal Relaxation Clinics	Anlaby - New Methodist Rooms, Hull Road, Every Monday, 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Hessle - Church Hall, every Wednesday, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cottingham - New Clinic, King Street, every Monday, 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
(b) School Health Services Minor Ailment Clinics	Hessle - Penshurst School Clinic (every Monday and Thursday) 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Hessle C. E. Infants School, 10.45 a.m. to 12 noon.

	Cottingham - New Clinic, King Street, Monday, 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 11.0 a.m.
Speech Therapy Clinics (by appointment only)	Hessle - Hessle C. E. Junior School, Monday a.m. and Tuesday p.m. Penshurst School, Monday p.m.
	Cottingham - New Clinic, King Street, Tuesday a.m.
Ophthalmic Clinic (Specialist services through Regional Hospital Board). (by appointment only).	Hessle - Penshurst School, one whole day each month (Wednesday).
Dental Clinic (by appointment through the schools).	There is no static dental clinic in the area, but a dental service for nursing and expectant mothers and school children is arranged by means of mobile dental caravans.
Dental Gas Session	Hessle - Every Wednesday a.m. (by appointment).
Mental Health	
Therapeutic Social Club	Cottingham - The Clinic, every Monday - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Junior Day Centre	Cottingham - The Clinic Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

In addition to the Consultant Out Patients Clinics held in the Hospitals, the two following clinics are also available

Tuberculosis

Chest Clinic, Beverley
Westwood Hospital, Thursday
afternoons.

Hull - Colman Street, Monday
mornings and Friday after-
noons.

Venereal Disease

Hull - Mill Street Clinic
Daily.

Ambulance Service

Telephone 81198

This service is the responsibility of the East Riding County Council. All cases are conveyed by means of County Council ambulances from Beverley and Hessle.

SECTION C

WATER SUPPLIES

The bacteriological examination of samples of water taken from private bores and wells was arranged through the Public Health Laboratory Service.

A total of sixty six samples of water from the mains and other sources of supply were submitted, and the results received were as follows:-

	Results of Samples			
	From Mains	From Bores Etc.	Other Sources	Total Taken
Satisfactory	6	45	-	51
Unsatisfactory	-	15	-	15
Total	6	60	-	66

The fifteen unsatisfactory reports were in respect of four separate premises. Two of these were sources which have previously given poor results, and the occupants are aware of the necessity to take precautions. In the other two cases previous sampling had always produced good results. Careful investigations revealed no obvious source of contamination in either case. These investigations were being continued at the year end.

No major schemes for the provision of additional mains supply have been carried out during the year. The Council have continued to lay mains to serve the new development in its area.

There was no reported shortage of water during the year.

The water supplies for the area were quite satisfactory as to quality and quantity. Approximately 150 of the inhabited dwellings in the area are supplied by standpipes in the yards or by private bores.

SECTION D

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

A major sewer, known as the Cottingham Link Sewer has now been completed and traverses along a line from the Hull City Boundary within the site of the Cottingham and Newland Beck to the junction with Bricknell Avenue and thence parallel to Snuff Mill Lane to Wood Lane where a storm water intake has been constructed to allow the whole of the water flowing in the Beck to enter the sewer. The sewer then continues to Priory Road where a connection has been made to the Bacon Garth Sewer. The Priory Road sewer from the new connection to the City Boundary has therefore become virtually disused. The Cottingham and Newland Beck along Hull Road has been infilled and it is hoped that the whole of the Beck fronting Snuff Mill Lane from which the waters have been diverted will be similarly infilled.

The completion of this work will now permit connections to be made to the west of Southwood Road, Baynard Avenue and West End Road which will have the effect of relieving the sewers within Cottingham.

A further scheme has been embarked upon during the year and will be completed in the Spring of 1962. The work includes the laying of a 42" diameter sewer along the site of the proposed Anlaby By-Pass and will connect all existing sewers at South Ella Way junction with Beverley Road and will relieve any surcharged sewers within Anlaby.

It is significant to note that all the work of constructing the joint main drainage works within the Hull area so far as they affect Haltemprice were completed during the year.

The arrangements for sewerage and sewage disposal in the district are very satisfactory.

The information for this paragraph was supplied by the Engineer.

SECTION E

HOUSING

	1961	1960
Houses built by the Council during the year	12	74
One bedroom flats	-	8
Two bedroom houses	4	22
Three bedroom houses	8	36
Four bedroom houses		8
Houses built by private enterprise	231	292
Estimated number of houses to be built in 1962:-		
By the Council	100	
By private enterprise	225	

SECTION F

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

FOOD POISONING:

1st. Quarter	2nd. Quarter	3rd. Quarter	4th. Quarter	Total
8	15	18	2	43

OUTBREAKS DUE TO IDENTIFIED AGENTS

Total Outbreaks	Total Cases
2	5

OUTBREAKS DUE TO UNDISCOVERED CAUSE

Total Outbreaks	Total Cases
4	8

SINGLE CASES

Agent Identified	Unknown Cause	Total
12	18	30

CONSULTATIONS

Opinion was sought by general practitioners in the district for confirmation of diagnosis of the following:-

Suspected	Final Diagnosis
6 Paralytic Poliomyelitis	Confirmed
3 Suspected Poliomyelitis	1 Sciatica
	2 Myalgia
1 Typhoid	Not confirmed
1 Diphtheria	Haemolytic streptococci
1 Smallpox	Chicken Pox

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

(a) GENERAL

	Total Notified 1961	Total Notified 1960	Total Notified 1959
Scarlet Fever	20	72	55
Enteric Fever (Typhoid)	-	-	1
Pneumonia	11	14	22
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1	1
Whooping Cough	12	56	23
Measles	1021	19	500
Erysipelas	3	1	3
* Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	6	1	-
* Acute Poliomyelitis (Non Paralytic)	-	-	-
* Dysentery	156	185	458
Opthalmia Neonatorum	-	1	-
* Food Poisoning or Suspected Food Poisoning	21	31	33
Meningococcal Infection	-	1	2
Malaria	1	-	-

* Poliomyelitis - 76 Additional cases notified to this district but contracted outside.

* Food Poisoning - 22 Additional cases notified to this district but contracted outside.

* Dysentery - 15 Additional cases notified to this district but contracted outside.

(b) TUBERCULOSIS

Age Period	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M	F	M	F	
0 - 1 year	-	-	1	-	1
2 - 5 years	-	-	-	-	-
6 - 15 years	-	-	1	-	1
16 - 25 years	1	1	-	-	2
26 - 35 years	6	4	-	-	10
36 - 45 years	2	2	-	-	4
46 - 55 years	4	-	-	-	4
56 - 65 years	-	-	-	-	-
66 and over	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-
Total	13	7	2	-	22

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS

Year	Total New Cases	Deaths
1958	35	5
1959	44	3
1960	45	2
1961	22	2

	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary		Total
	M	F	M	F	
Number of cases on the Register at 31.12.60.	116	109	19	18	262
Added to the Register:-					
(a) cases notified for the first time during the year	8	4	2	-	14
(b) un-notified cases brought to notice otherwise than by formal notifications	5	3	-	-	8
Removed from the Register on account of death, change of address etc.	11	15	11	3	40
Number of cases on the Register at 31.12.61.	118	101	10	15	244

LOCAL RAINFALL RETURNS

Month	Average Rainfall in Inches 1961	Average Rainfall in Inches 1960	Average Rainfall in Inches for Five Previous Years
January ...	2.93	5.30	3.31
February ...	1.30	1.99	2.19
March ...	0.71	1.21	1.48
April ...	2.52	1.05	1.33
May ...	1.78	1.07	1.19
June ...	1.24	0.48	2.06
July ...	2.82	4.03	3.38
August ...	2.67	3.43	3.11
September ...	1.98	2.63	1.92
October ...	4.30	6.36	2.78
November ...	1.55	4.54	2.50
December ...	2.61	3.22	3.02
Total Average for Year ..	26.41	35.31	28.34

The average rainfall in inches is taken from the readings obtained at ten weather stations scattered throughout the East Riding.

INCIDENCE OF THE PRINCIPAL NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Disease	Quarterly Returns				Under 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	3-4 yrs.	5-9 yrs.	10-14 yrs.	15-24 yrs.	25 & over	Age Unknown
	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.								
Scarlet Fever	9	4	5	2	-	2	5	9	2	-	1	1
Whooping Cough	1	-	4	7	1	6	3	1	1	-	-	-
Measles	633	347	39	2	23	240	283	431	26	2	-	16
Dysentery	15	25	27	104	5	28	18	37	12	7	26	38

Disease	Quarterly Returns				Total	Under 5 yrs.	5-14 yrs.	15-44 yrs.	45-64 yrs.	65 and over	Age Unknown
	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.							
Acute Pneumonia	6	2	-	3	11	-	-	4	3	4	-
Erysipelas	3	-	-	-	3	-	1	1	1	-	-
Food Poisoning	8	15	18	2	43	17	3	7	5	4	7

Details of Poliomyelitis cases occurring in Haltemprice:-

Type of Infection	Age	Sex	Date of Salk Injection	No. of Injections	Severity of illness
1. Paralytic	30	F.	Oct. 1961.	One	Mild
2. Paralytic	24	F.	April/May 1959, April 1960.	Three	Mild
3. Paralytic	29	F.	Nov /Dec. 1958, July 1959.	Three	Mild
4. Paralytic	64	F.	None	Nil	Moderate
5. Paralytic	30	M.	None	Nil	Fatal
6. Paralytic	12	M.	June/July 1957, Oct. 1958.	Three	Mild

A total of 37,313 Haltemprice residents received emergency oral vaccine in October 1961, through either a Hull or East Riding Clinic, thus 88% of the population of this district were vaccinated with Sabin oral vaccine Type 2., to control the spread of the poliomyelitis virus.

SECTION G

FOOD - PREMISES AND INSPECTION

(a) PREMISES

The rooms in which food is prepared for public consumption, and the shops from which it is sold, present the Department with a continuing responsibility for their supervision. Whilst it is pleasing to be able to report that no premises were found to be so bad that they merited the consideration of the Committee for possible legal action, it seems that routine visits will often disclose minor infringements and faulty handling methods.

As a result of these routine visits it was found necessary to send to the owners and occupiers forty two informal letters, asking for improvements to be made.

Those improvements included:-

Redecoration	...	...	...	...	15
Structural repairs	...	...	...	...	9
Unsatisfactory sanitary accommodation					6
No hand washing notices	...	...			7
Faulty handling techniques	...	...			4
Working surfaces requiring attention					6
Equipment washing facilities required					1
Hand washing facilities required	...				6
Insufficient hot water supply	...				6

The co-operation of the food traders was readily given, and the required improvements were made or are to be dealt with when projected major alterations are completed.

(b) INSPECTION OF GOODS.

Regular visits to the wholesalers' premises in the district were continued during the year. These visits entail a good deal of clerical work in the making out of separate certificates. Such certificates are required by the trade to recover their allowances on damaged or unsound goods. It is felt, however, that the time is well spent in that the Authority have an immediate control over goods which should not reach the public.

The following articles were condemned as unfit during the year:-

Articles	Amount Condemned	
	1961	1960
Tinned meat	1648 tins	1136 tins
Tinned fish	278 tins	313 tins
Tinned milk	504 tins	341 tins
Tinned fruit and vegetables	4589 tins	4865 tins
Pork Sausage	34 lbs.	Bacon 94 lbs.
Corned Beef	6 lbs.	Chicken 40 lbs.
Bacon & Ham	4 cwt. 1 st.	Herrings 3 stones
Ox Tongue Pieces	2 lbs.	Cod roes 6 stones
Lunch Tongue	12 lbs.	Sultanas 60 lbs.
Prunes	7 lbs.	
Liver	1 st. 6 lbs.	

Total weight of food surrendered

1961 3 tons 3 cwts. 2 qrs. 1 st. 13 lbs.

1960 3 tons 15 cwts. - 1 st. 5 lbs.

For the third year running there was a decrease in the total weight of food condemned, although the amount, namely 12 cwts., was considerably less than the fall in 1960 compared with 1959, which was approximately one ton.

Again, it was not found necessary to formally seize any article of food.

There were incidents during the year in which residents made specific complaints to the Department about the unsoundness of food which they had purchased.

In one case, a milk bottle was supplied which was found to be dirty inside on delivery. In another, a piece of pork which was 'off' when brought to the office, had been purchased some thirty miles away on the previous day, and thirdly a carton of meat paste was found to be mouldy under the greaseproof paper cover when opened by the complainant.

In the case of the unsatisfactory milk bottle, the Health Committee decided that a strong warning would be

preferable to prosecution having regard to all the circumstances, whilst in the other two incidents, informal action by the Department was taken.

As in previous years the practice of purchasing samples of various types of foods and submitting them for bacteriological examination was continued in 1961.

Out of a total of 146 samples submitted, only eight failed to achieve a satisfactory report. These were all samples of 'soft' ice cream which were found to be either Grades III or IV. The co-operation of Authority in whose area the mix was prepared was asked for, and readily given, and in the case of one manufacturer an improvement was noted towards the end of the season, in the gradings of the samples taken.

Bearing in mind the higher temperature at which the mix may be stored before being turned into ice cream on the mobile vans etc., it seems possible that ice cream with a higher bacterial count may well be offered to the public, as the sale of this type of ice cream becomes more popular.

No pathogenic organisms were found in any of the food samples submitted, a record of which is shown below:-

Article	Total Taken	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Pork and meat pies	23	23	-
Sausage rolls	8	8	-
Meat pastes etc.	18	18	-
Prepared meats	18	18	-
Sausages	18	18	-
Fish cakes & pastes	5	5	-
Synthetic cream	12	12	-
Ice cream	28	20	8
Iced Lollies	11	11	-
Fresh Cream	2	2	-
Dessicated coconut	3	3	-
Totals	146	138	8

In addition to these foods, routine samples of the various grades of milk were sent into the Laboratory. Out of the forty four samples, two bottles of T.T. milk failed to reach the desired standard. An investigation into the possible reasons for these failures was made, and recommendations regarding bottle washing and sterilisation techniques were made. Later samples sent in from the same establishment were found to be satisfactory.

GRADE	PASSED	FAILED	TOTAL TAKEN
PASTEURISED	18	-	18
STERILISED	12	-	12
T T	12	2	14
TOTAL	42	2	44

(c) SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Following the approval by the Minister of the Council's Report on Slaughterhouse facilities for the area, four slaughterhouses were licensed in April, namely those belonging to Messrs. Wm. Jackson & Son Ltd. at Inglemire Lane, Cottingham; Mr. G. Pullan, at Northgate, Cottingham; Mr. Wiley, of Finkle Street, Cottingham and Mr. J. S. Rhodes of Packman Lane, Kirk Ella.

The improved conditions and facilities at these premises have, it is thought, made working conditions easier and the use of the stunning pens have certainly made the securing of the animals before stunning, a simpler operation; especially for the animals.

Once again, it has been possible to obtain 100% inspection of animals slaughtered, and because of the co-operation of the occupiers of the slaughterhouses, no overtime or week-end working has been necessary during 1961.

*Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole
or in part.*

	Cattle exclg. cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Sows and Boars	Porker
Number killed	703	195	5	4026	1258	1859
Number inspected	703	195	5	4026	1258	1859
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:- Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	9	6	-
Carcases in which some part or organ was condemned	98	33	-	17	28	34
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. and cysticerci	12.5%	16.9%	-	0.6%	2.7%	1.8
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	3	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	2	-	-	78	60
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	1%	-	-	6.4%	3.2
CYSTICERCOSIS Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	1	-	-	-	-

Total weight condemned

Meat 3 tons 3 cwts. 3 qtrs. 1 st. 2 lb.

Offal 1 ton 6 cwts. 1 qtr. 1 st. -

(d) MILK PRODUCTION

Three more dairy farmers ceased the production of milk for sale during 1961, leaving twenty five farms at the year end still sending in milk to the dairies or selling direct to the public. A further two producers obtained T.T. licences, making a total of fourteen who have taken advantage of the greater price for the production of milk under licence.

A total of thirty three samples of milk from these herds was sent in to the Public Health Laboratory for biological examination. No incidence of Tuberculosis or Brucella Abortus was found in these milks.

(e) DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOODS.

There has been no change in the method of dealing with unsound foods. All tinned goods are disposed of under supervision at the controlled tip, whilst condemned meat is sent by the slaughterhouse occupiers to approved dealers in this type of commodity.

SECTION H

INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

(a) COMPLAINTS.

During 1961, 751 complaints were received at the Health Department. This figure compares with that of 783 in 1960 and 738 in 1959.

The actual split up of the total is as follows:-

Housing defects	58
Defective dustbins	3
Rats present	497
Miscellaneous	138
Choked drains	55
Total	751

(b) VISITS MADE

Houses and premises inspected for the first time	
in 1961	164
Houses and premises revisited	731
Miscellaneous visits	1383
Visits re defective dustbins	132
Visits re new lengths of drainage	57
Drains tested with smoke or water	70
Visits re choked drains	868
Visits re conversion to the water carriage system	10
Visits re cases of Infectious Disease	1003
Visits re pest destruction	171
Visits re petroleum storage	259
Visits to slaughterhouses	1207
Visits to dairies	21
Visits to bakehouses	27
Visits re Food Hygiene Regulations	351
Visits re sale of ice cream	52
Visits re unsound food	233
Visits re sampling...	301
Visits re Shops Act	401
Visits re rat destruction	530
Visits re overcrowding	8
Visits to factories	144
Total	<u>8,123</u>

(c) (1) HOUSING

The Council accepted the recommendations of the Department concerning a further group of houses from the Council's provisional slum clearance scheme. Six houses were represented as individually unfit, and one Clearance Area comprising fourteen dwellings was declared and Clearance Orders served.

	Adults	Children
40 - 42 Northgate, Cottingham	2	-
9 & 11, 10 - 30 Chapel Yard &		
19, Southgate, Hessle	23	5
1, Chapel Yard, Hessle	1	-
33, Grovehill, Hessle.	-	-
10, Middledyke Lane, Cottingham	2	-
4, Market Green, Cottingham	2	-
TOTALS: HOUSES 20	<u>30</u>	<u>5</u>

(ii) IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The number of applications for standard grant received during the year remained low. Eighteen owners took advantage of the Scheme compared with nineteen, the previous year. Out of the eighteen applications, one only was a tenanted house.

The final position with regard to these grant applications was as follows :

Applications refused	1
Applications withdrawn	2
Applications pending	2
Applications dealt with as discretionary grant	1
Applications approved	12
Total	<u>18</u>

The improvements which would be provided by these twelve schemes are:

Fixed Baths	Hot Water	Wash Hand Basins	Food Store	Water Closets
9	10	9	6	5

The maximum value of these grants amounted to £1,395.

(iii) RENT ACT, 1957.

Only occasional applications for certificates of disrepair are now being received. During the year eleven such requests were received. This compared with fourteen in 1960.

Number of applications received	11
Certificates issued	
(a) In respect of some of the defects	5
(b) In respect of all defects	6
Applications for cancellation of certificates	1
Certificates cancelled	1

(iv) HOUSING INSPECTIONS.

1.	(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health or Housing Acts.	84
	(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose ...	109
2.	(a) Number of dwelling houses (included under Sub-Head 1 above) which were inspected under the Housing Consolidated Regulations ...	8
	(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose ...	10
3.	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation...	8
4.	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to in (3) above) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation ...	48
5.	REMEDY OF DEFECTS	
	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of Informal Action by the Local Authority ...	59

(d) RODENT CONTROL.

The number of complaints received from householders and the occupiers of other premises about the presence of rats increased slightly over the previous year. This year 497 requests for help were sent in compared with 445 in 1960 and 471 in 1959.

The Council have continued to employ one full-time rodent operative to carry out treatments on their own premises, private dwellings which are done free and business premises for which a charge is made.

Unfortunately the Council lost the services of their operative, Mr. C. Morton who had performed his duties in a most capable manner. Mr. Morton who had reached retiring age the year previously, decided that he had earned a rest and his resignation was accepted with regret. The Department was fortunate in being able to transfer Mr. Sleight from the Engineer's Staff as he had had already experience in this field.

The annual sewer survey once more revealed little evidence of any major infestation in any part of the Council's sewer system.

The following table sets out the detail of the rodent operative's work in 1961:-

	Private Premises	Trade Premises	Council Premises	Sewers	Total
Number of visits	2908	175	86	154	3323
Number of ordinary baits laid	3519	662	568	154	4903
Number of poison baits laid	7844	1333	438	-	9615
Estimated kill	2178	513	427	-	3718
Number of bodies recovered	251	38	47	-	336

(e) PEST CONTROL.

There was a considerable reduction in the number of requests for the Council's wasps nest destruction service during the year.

Seventy two treatments were asked for compared with 116 in 1960.

For the remainder of the enquiries in this field these followed much the same pattern as in previous years, except it was noted that the number of persons worried about woodworm infestation was well down on the previous year.

Wasps' and Bees' nests 72; Flies 5; Woodworm 3; Rabbits 3; Beetles 4; Fleas 1; Miscellaneous 3.

(f) FACTORIES.

Six new power factories were added to the register in 1961. The new trades were, shop fittings, plastic gloves, General Engineering, Joinery, sheet metal work and motor tyre examination.

(9) FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

Part 1 of the Act

(1) INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health.
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors):

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	12	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	72	129	3	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	3	3	-	-
TOTAL	82	144	3	-

(2) CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective... ..	2	2	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	3	2	-

Part III of the Act

Nature of Work.	Section 10			Section 11		
	No. of persons engaged in the work.	No. of cases of default in making returns to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
Wearing apparel made of	4					
Nets other than wire nets.	6					
Total	10					

(g) REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Controlled tipping continues at Jenny Brough Lane which is now becoming rapidly filled, and it is becoming vitally necessary to ensure continuity of refuse disposal by the acquisition of a further site.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY.

In November, 1961, public sessions were held by the Mass Radiography Unit at Hessle and Anlaby.

	Male	Female	Total
Hessle	220	300	520
Number recalled 18. x			
Anlaby House	166	179	345
Number recalled 19. x			

x The results of these recall examinations are not yet available.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

A number of cases of aged persons living alone, without care and attention, were again referred to the Department for assistance.

It was not found necessary to seek the compulsory removal of any aged person, and it was always possible with the co-operation of the various Welfare Services, to make some satisfactory arrangements for domiciliary care.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are no registered common lodging houses in the district.

